

Appl No.: 09/755,442

Atty. Dkt.
PC-930**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. Applicant has rewritten claims 1, 23, 24, 32 and canceled claims 12-14, 16, 30, 31. Favorable reconsideration of this application is, consequently, earnestly solicited in view of the following remarks. Applicant gratefully appreciates the examiner's indication that claims 16 and 31 contain allowable subject matter if put into independent form. As such, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the features of former dependent claims 12-14 and 16, and amended independent claim 23 to include the features of former dependent claims 30-31.

As to the objection to the drawings, applicant has included substitute drawings in a good faith attempt to provide clearer drawings. Entry of the replacement sheets is respectfully requested. Thus, removal of the objection is respectfully requested.

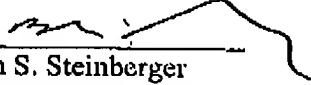
Claims 1, 2, 6-9, 12-14, 16 and 24 were rejected under sec. 112, as being indefinite. This rejection is now moot since the claims have been amended to overcome the points raised in the office action. Thus, removal of this rejection is requested.

Claims 1, 2, 7-9, 12-14 and 23 were rejected under sec. 103 as being unpatentable by Showghi '739 in view of Pentel '750. This rejection is now moot since independent claims 1 and 23 have been amended to include the novel allowable features of former dependent claims 16 and 31. Thus, removal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 6 and 32-35 were rejected under sec. 103 as being unpatentable by Showghi '739 in view of Pentel '750 and further in view of Bidz. This rejection is now moot since independent claims 1 and 23 have been amended to include the novel allowable features of former dependent claims 16 and 31. Thus, removal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully urged that claims 1, 2, 6-9, 23, 24 and 32-35 be allowed. Such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to contact the attorney below.

Respectfully Submitted;



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